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Director of Central Intelligence

*is hereby awarded the Career Intelligence Medal in recognition of his brilliant service to the Central Intelligence Agency and the United States Government. His appointment as Director in September 1973 represented the culmination of an exceptional and dedicated career in Intelligence and in turn proved to be his finest hour. He met this challenge with candor, skill and an abiding conviction in the necessity of a strong and viable intelligence role for our national safety. Particularly, the additional requirements and pressures levied on him during the past year have been awesome indeed. Nonetheless, he fulfilled the continuing dual responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence in exemplary fashion. His principles remained unshakable, his integrity impeccable, his sense of duty unsurpassed. Mr. Colby's distinguished career is a testimony to human dignity and achievement under incredible conditions. It reflects the highest credit on him, this Agency, the Intelligence Community and these United States of America.*